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In re application of:

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For: MAMMALIAN CYTOKINE;
RELATED REAGENTS

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Response to Advisory Action

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed July 29, 2002 in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants also submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2002. Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of these submissions.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 22 and 26 without prejudice to subsequent renewal or future prosecution, and amend the other claims as follows. A clean version of all claims under examination is shown in the attached Appendix.

8. (Three times amended) A method for the detection of a polynucleotide, comprising contacting said polynucleotide with a probe that hybridizes, under stringent wash conditions of at least 65°C, less than about 150 mM salt, to: